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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 07850

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PEPR SA YS SHUM  
SUBJECT: YEMEN UNITY FRONT REP APPEALS FOR U.S. SUPPORT

1. MUHAMMAD HASSAN ABDALLAH, CAIRO REP OF ABD AL-QAWI  
MAKKAWI'S YEMEN UNITY FRONT (YUF), CALLED ON EMBOFF  
IN EARLY MARCH. ABDALLAH STATED THAT HE INSTRUCTED BY  
MAKKAWI TO APPEAL TO U.S. FOR HELP ON ACCOUNT OF  
CONSISTENT VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS BY REGIME IN PDRY.  
GIVEN CURRENT PROMINENT ROLE PLAYED BY PDRY MILITARY IN  
FIGHTING BOTH IN OGADEN AND IN ERITREA, U.S. SHOULD  
REALIZE THAT PDRY PROTESTATIONS ABOUT NOT BEING A SOVIET  
SATELLITE MERELY A SHAM AND AMERICANS SHOULD WORK  
ACTIVELY WITH SAUDIS TO OVERTHROW MARXIST REGIME IN ADEN.  
ABDALLAH TURNED OVER LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER DENOUNC-  
ING HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN PDRY AND A LONG LIST, BY  
PROVINCE, OF PERSONS ALLEGEDLY KILLED OR ARRESTED BY  
PDRY REGIME. (LETTER AND LIST POUCHED TO NEA.)

2. ABDALLAH STATED THAT, AFTER TWO-YEAR DORMANT PERIOD  
DURING WHICH SAUDIS TRIED TO WOO PDRY WITH FINANCIAL  
BLANDISHMENTS, SAUDIS HAVE RECENTLY BEGUN TO ENCOURAGE  
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MAKKAWI AND OTHER YEMENI EXILES TO PREPARE FOR RENEWED  
GUERRILLA ACTIVITY INTO PDRY. ABDALLAH ALSO COMMENTED  
THAT SAUDIS URGING YUF TO BECOME MORE ACTIVE  
POLITICALLY AND TO SEEK BROADER INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT.  
DEMARCHE TO EMBASSY IN CAIRO PART OF THIS EFFORT.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY RECALLS THAT, DURING 1973-75

PERIOD YUF WAS RATHER INEFFECTUAL GROUPING IN STEAMING  
CAULDRON OF YEMENI EXILE POLITICS. WOULD BE INTERESTED  
TO KNOW WHETHER, IN FACT, SAUDIS HAVE DECIDED TO SWITCH  
FROM CARROT TO STICK IN DEALING WITH PDRY AND WHETHER  
YUF REALLY PLAYS ANY ROLE IN SAUDI PLANNING. WOULD BE  
INTERESTED AS WELL IF YUF ALSO MADE DEMARCHE TO EMBASSY  
JIDDA, WHERE MAKKAWI AND YUF HQS LOCATED. ABDALLAH STATED  
THAT HE WOULD DROP IN AGAIN, "IN A FEW WEEKS" TO GET  
U.S. REACTION TO HIS DEMARCHE. EMBOFF STRESSED TO HIM  
THAT QUESTION OF SAUDI-YAR-PDRY RELATIONS IS A REGIONAL  
MATTER IN WHICH U.S. DOES NOT WISH TO BECOME EMBROILED.  
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